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A meeting of the Swatantra Party in Parliament was held on Sunday, 16th November 1964, in the Western Court Lounge, New Delhi.

The following members were present:-

- 1) Prof: N.G. Ranga
- 2) Mr. Masani
- 3) Mr. Lahyabhai Patel
- 4) S. Kapur Singh
- 5) Mr. Narendra Singh Mahida
- 6) Mr. C.L. Narasimha Reddy
- 7) Mr. Loknath Misra
- 8) Mr. Sundermani Patel
- 9) Prof: M. Ruthnaswamy
- 10) Mr. S.S. Mariswamy
- 11) Mr. Himmatsinghji
- 12) Mr. P.H. Bheel
- 13) Mr. Ramgopal Gupta
- 14) Mr. Bairagi Dwivedi
- 15) Raja of Dinghanal

Prof: Ranga took the Chair.

It was decided that adjournment motions be tabled on the following subjects:-

- 1) The calling in of armed forces in Orissa to aid the Civil administration as a result of students riots;
- 2) Failure of the Government to supply adequate food to the people of Kerala, which is now under the President's rule, resulting in riots, looting and starvation deaths.

In case these adjournment motions were not admitted, Short Notice Questions should be tabled on behalf of the Party in both Houses of Parliament.

The question of privileges of the House vis-a-vis the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under the Constitution arising out of U.P. Legislature and the High Court controversy was discussed in detail. Most of the Members were in favour of upholding the Fundamental Rights of individual and hence it was decided that there should be no amendment to the Constitution. The individual should continue to enjoy the right to appeal to the Judiciary if he was convicted by the Bar of the House for one reason or the other.

The implications of recent nuclear explosion by Communist China were discussed. In the light of the background Note on the subject circulated by the Central Office of the Party, Mr. Masani explained to the Members that there were three implications of this development:-

- 1) Firstly India should make the Bomb;
- 2) Rely on U.S. Nuclear deterrent;
- 3) The Government should not do anything and the status-quo may continue.

Mr. Masani said it was inadvisable for our country to make the Bomb and thus enter into Nuclear race. At the same time, we cannot afford to sit idle as to neither make the Bomb nor to accept U.S. deterrent in the face of Chinese offensive. Thus the only alternative left with India was to rely on U.S. nuclear deterrent.

It was decided that Mr. Masani should speak on the subject along these lines when it comes up before the Parliament or during a more general discussion on Foreign Affairs.

Prof: Ranga said it was undesirable for our country to permit increasing Soviet influence in our Defence installations. This was all the more essential in the face of recent changes in Soviet leadership as a result of which Russia is likely to come nearer to Communist China.

It was decided that a Short Notice Question should be tabled on the cost of the Das Commission.

The following Members were nominated to study and speak on the subjects indicated against each of their names:-

- 1) Indo-Ceylonese question - - - - Prof: Ranga
- 2) Anti-corruption Laws Amendment - S. Kapur Singh  
Bill
- 3) Food Adultration Bill - - - - Mr. Narendra Singh  
Mahida
- 4) Peoples' Representation Amend- - Mr. Masani.  
ment Bill.

The Party was strongly opposed to the recent Essential Commodities Ordinance promulgated by the Government of India. It was decided that Mr. Masani and S. Kapur Singh should study the Ordinance and advise the Party. Prof: Ranga would speak for the Party.

The meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(P.N. SOLANKI)  
SECRETARY.

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